26th April 2017

CROSS COUNTRY

We had a very successful Super Southern Schools Cross Country on Friday with many of our students placing in their events. The atmosphere was one of great excitement, even though we had numerous showers of rain throughout the day. We finished with another great result of the following students winning their ages:

- **2012 - 5 years:** Jairus Page
- **2011 – 6 years:** Isla Herrod, Neil Leo
- **2009 - 8 years:** Breanna Muriata, Noah Herrod
- **2007 – 10 Years:** Nicholas Muriata
- **2006 – 11 Years:** Calen Smart
- **2005 – 12 Years:** Shaniece Davis

Congratulations to these students and all of our students who without their participation we wouldn’t have been the overall winners on the day.

PARADE

We continue to have problems with behaviour of students during parade. Unfortunately if this continues we will have to cancel parade and there will be very little chance to share our successes with the students. Please come along to parade and support us to ensure your child is following the expectations of parade – being respectful of others and learning how to listen carefully and be part of an audience.

This is similar behaviour to what we are dealing with in classes at the moment. We need to have the support of parents to teach the students how to become responsible and respectful members of our school. Please teach your child about correct behaviour and showing respect for others.

PARENT MEETINGS

We encourage all parents to be actively involved in their child’s education. If you would like to look at any of the work your child is completing, ask questions about what they are learning or just ask general questions about their time at school please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with their class teacher. Students have just completed a number of assessment tasks and these would be a great way for parents to view their work and ask questions. Call the office on 4066 5540 to make an appointment or come in before school to book an appointment.

These interviews can be a great way for teachers and parents to connect and for students to see their parents valuing their learning.

COMMON MISTAKES

Did you know that many people confuse homophones? Homophones are words that sound the same when spoken, have different spellings and different meanings. Some examples are:
- their, there, they're
- bare, bear
- hare, hair

These are examples of words parents can discuss with their child to build on their vocabulary. These words are often mixed up and it is great to use them in a sentence to explain their meaning.

Another common mistake when spelling is:
- it’s = short for it is
- its = ownership

Another great example to share with your child.

*Remember, DAILY ATTENDANCE is the key to success.*

Kayte
Daily Attendance

Our attendance is a key issue and we need the support of parents to ensure students are attending **EVERY DAY**. Parents will be notified on the **SAME DAY** of an absence in 2017 or you can ring, email or send a note if your child is absent.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attendance</th>
<th>Unexplained No. of days</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prep</td>
<td>87.24%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>95.29%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>84.08%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>87.97%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>89.15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 5</td>
<td>92.45%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>94.52%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We have no year levels with 0% unexplained and our attendance has dropped again. This is having a huge impact on the behaviour of students also, they can be off task and difficult to teach when they return from absences. Please ensure your child is at school **EVERY DAY** to ensure they have consistency with their learning. We currently have 88.5% attendance for our entire school, this has dropped since last term – we need to ensure students are attending **EVERY DAY** to reach our target of 95% attendance across the school.

**Let’s work together to make this a reality!!**

We need to maintain this focus for 2017 – **attendance enables your child to have learning success!!**

**PRODUCE STALL**

Keep those donations for our produce stall coming, they help our small school to offer other activities to our students that wouldn’t be available without these generous donations.

*A very big thank you to the families who support our fruit stall, our small school would not be able to offer the programs we do without this valuable support.*

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 10 Term 1**

**Class B**

Breanna Muriata – for great writing and drawing for her Rainbow Fish story.

Daniel Caligaris – for being wonderful and helpful with others.

For great letter recognition – **PREP AWARDS**

James Peillon

Isla Herrod

Richadah Toohey

Andrew Richmond

Emily Muriata

Jairus Page

Noah Muriata

Rhyley Muriata

**Class G**

Zelie Gillinder – for being an outstanding learner who follows all instructions.

Shayna Murray – for always working well and listening carefully.

**DATE CLAIMERS**

**Week 3**

**Class B**

James Peillon

Kayleb Gardiner

**Class G**

Blake Scikluna

Shaniece Davis

(Apologies – reasons weren’t recorded by school leaders)
SPECIAL VIRTUE AWARDS

Each week we focus on a different virtue, this is shared during our weekly parade and then the information is displayed on our display board in the eating area. Students try to focus on the particular virtue for the week. We present certificates to a few students who have shown the virtue without being reminded throughout that week. Ask your child every Friday what the virtue of the week is and try to encourage them to practice at home too.

Our virtue awards for the last 2 weeks:

No virtue awards due to school holiday break. Look out for them in the next newsletter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Age Champions

Jairus Page & Emily Muriata

Shayna Murray

Riley Moss

Isla Herrod

Zélie Gillinder
ANZAC DAY

Tents

Boys race

Our flag bearers

Singing the National Anthem

Laying the Wreath
Thank you to the students and parents who came and supported ANZAC Day for 2017. We were well represented and had some very respectful students.

**Newsletter Information**
Don’t forget you can view this newsletter via our school website or if you download the QSchools app for your smart phones you can keep up to date with any new items that are uploaded to the website. **If you download the QSchools app it will send you notifications of updates to the website and you can add any of these to your calendar in your phone.**

If anyone would like further information about how to best use the QSchools app please don’t hesitate in contacting the school.

Website: [https://murrivess.eq.edu.au/](https://murrivess.eq.edu.au/)
QSchools app:

Playgroup Facebook Page – search *Murray Upper Playgroup*